

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/706,742 § Examiner: Farrokh, Hashem  
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Title: Provisioning and §  
Snapshotting Using Copy §  
on Read/Write and §  
Transient Virtual Machine §  
Technology §

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF  
December 4, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of December 4, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.